DIXIE HIGHWAY DEDICATED, AUGUST 12TH. 1921

COMPLETION OF ROAD IS CELEBRATED AT MUNICIPAL PIER IN CHICAGO

GRAND PARADE STARTED AT DANVILLE AND DELEGATIONS JOINED AT EACH TOWN ON THE HIGHWAY.

Miss Jean Bigelow

The Dixie Highway dedication was attended by more than 500 automobiles filled with joyous men, women, and children from down state. They were joined here by many Momence people, among them being, Miss Momence, accompanied by Philp Sweet, Secretary of the Commercial Club, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoag. The car in which they traveled was furnished by Mr. Hoag and decorated by Mrs. Hoag. It was a Nash "6" sport model; the decorations were white and purple and the Queen, Miss Jean Bigelow made a very pleasing appearance, her costume being of white and purple.

The motorists from Danville started the state-long parade to Chicago at 6 o'clock Friday morning. Sitting in the leading automobile was "Miss Dixie," Miss Josephine Koons, a student at the University of Illinois, and "Miss Danville," Miss Beatrice Huber. The procession would find its way through Hoopeston, Rossville, Watseka, St. Anne, Momence, Grant Park, Chicago Heights, Blue Island and other towns. At each town automobiles joined the procession.

The procession of motorists from Illinois towns on the highway was met at the corner of 63rd street and Western Avenue by a reception committee in more than 200 automobiles. The motorists then formed a parade following Western Avenue, 55th street and Michigan boulevard to the pier.

Each town's "most beautiful girl" was introduced to the other "most beautiful girls" and when the parade arrived in Chicago the collection was most wonderful to behold. The reception committee which met the parade at 63rd and Western Avenue was headed by Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor Club.

Representative of Illinois towns there came to the pageant yesterday a veritable swarm of beauties. Some of them were caught by the camera man at the pier. In this line there are Ruth Morgan of Rossville, Beatrice Young of Bismarck, Marie Hall of Hoopstown, Josephine Koons, who was "Miss Dixie"; Beatrice Huber of Danville, Jane Kuvrasch of Kankakee, "Miss Grant Park"; Jean Bogelow of Momence, and Marion Barlow of Blue Island.

PAGEANT QUEEN WELCOMES THEM

The parade was led by Gov. Small and Mayor Thompson and they motored into the pier to the tune of "Dixie." They were welcomed by Miss Kinkade queen of the pageant.

Gov. Len Small and Mayor Thompson

The Governor spoke: "The Dixie Highway is one of the greatest stretches of roadway in the United States," he said. "It represents the longest stretch of perfect automobile roadway in Illinois and given an idea of what we are trying to do for this state."

"However, it is only a beginning. Within a few years you will see every city in this beautiful state linked to just such roads as the Dixie Highway. You will find the state covered by a perfect network of these roads. Yes, we are pulling Illinois out of the mud."

GOOD ROADS MEN SPEAK

Following Gov. Small's address were made by William G. Edens, R.J. Finnegan, James A. Reilly, Walter C. Lindley and others prominent in Illinois road building circles made short speeches, all congratulating the state upon the Dixie Highway and urging further co-operation with the road builders.

Immediately following the "Dixie Day" address at the pier a program was given by the coast guards.

Music was furnished by Chicago Police Band, the Great Lakes Naval Station Band, and the Chicago Woman's Band.

The woman's program of the day was devoted to "Mother and Child." During the afternoon Chicago boys gave demonstrations of model airplanes.

The opening of Dixie Highway, Momence 1921

The longest stop of the parade was in Momence, where marshals on horses guided the tourists through the city.